

5 September 1958

**MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD**

**SUBJECT:** Meeting in General Erskine's Office, 5 September 1958

**PARTICIPANTS:** General Erskine, Colonel Lansdale, Major French, OSD/Special Operations, DOD, Mr. Frank Hand, [REDACTED], CIA

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1. The above-mentioned persons met in General Erskine's office at 10:00 a. m., 5 September 1958 for a preliminary discussion on the subject of increased utilization of foreign manpower during the cold war.

2. General Erskine opened the meeting by reaffirming Deputy Secretary Quarles' great interest in more rapid progress in the development of plans and programs with regard to the subject under discussion. He stated that he had no desire whatsoever for the Department of Defense to encroach in any way on CIA's area of responsibility and that he hoped that I would feel perfectly free to speak up if it appeared to me at any time that such appeared to be the case.

3. A general discussion ensued with all participating, which admittedly wandered around somewhat, but gradually firmed up into what appeared to be several courses of action.

4. These courses of action were all dependent on one single factor-namely, the willingness of our allies to permit elements of their troops or individual citizens to volunteer for combat duty in other countries. I suggested as an immediate action step that a recommendation be made to Mr. Quarles that at least a sampling of approaches be made to selected foreign countries to determine whether, in fact, such a premise was realistic and pointed out that the results of such a survey might well greatly influence the selection of

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suitable course of action for implementing any program. This suggestion met with unanimous approval and it was also agreed that either General Erskine or Colonel Lansdale should personally go to the field to make such a sampling. General Erskine stated that he would like to have a representative from CIA accompany whoever went out from Department of Defense but I made no commitment on this subject.

5. It was agreed that General Erskine and his staff would prepare a suitable memorandum to Mr. Charles and would also prepare in draft a general statement giving pros and cons of action which had been discussed. Drafts of these documents will be furnished to me as soon as they are ready, possibly later this afternoon.

6. In closing the meeting, General Erskine expressed his appreciation to CIA for their willingness to assist and reiterated that Department of Defense did not and would not encroach on CIA's area of responsibility. He requested that I spend as much time as possible with his people. It was agreed that I would try to hold myself available from 10:00 to 12:00 and 2:00 to 4:00 as required.



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